

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LEWIS BENTLEY : CIVIL ACTION
:
v. :
:
MICHAEL W. HARLOW, et al. : NO. 11-2423

ORDER

AND NOW, this 15th day of March, 2016, upon consideration of petitioner Lewis Bentley's habeas petition (docket entry # 1), the Report and Recommendation of the Honorable Lynne A. Sitarski (docket entry #27), and petitioner's objections to the Report and Recommendation (docket entry #29), and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Petitioner's objections are OVERRULED;
2. Judge Sitarski's Report and Recommendation is APPROVED and
ADOPTED;
3. Petitioner's habeas petition (docket entry #1) is DISMISSED WITH
PREJUDICE and without an evidentiary hearing;
4. Because reasonable jurists could not debate whether the petition states a
valid claim for a denial of a constitutional right, Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000),
we DECLINE to issue a certificate of appealability; and
5. The Clerk of Court shall CLOSE this case statistically.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Stewart Dalzell, J.
Stewart Dalzell, J.